VIENNA DEATH RATE **BECOMES APPALLING**

Condition of Children Even More Harrowing, Declares Authority on City's Desperate Plight.

Five years of famine have resulted to greatly increased mortality and morbidity in Vienna which before the war was counted as one of the healthtest cities in Europe. Figures prepared by Dr. Gustave Bohn, head of the Vienna Health Department, show that in 1913 the death rate was 15.3 per thousand. In 1918 the rate was 22.5 per thousand, an increase of more than 47 per cent.

Professor Hans Spel of the University of Vienna, says that "even more terrible than the mortality statistics are those referring to the condition of children and their mothers. Owing to under-nourishment few mothers can nurse their bables, and the milk shortage affects not only infants, but all children in spite of all that has been done to help. At Professor Clemens Pirquet's clinic in the university some 54,849 children were examined in 1918. Only 4,637 of these or about one-thirteenth were passed as skin good, fat good; 23,609 were pale and thin, or very pale and very thin. "The health of these children shows

most disquieting features. Skin disease, rachitis and Barlow's disease are rife. "The chief medical officer of Vienna asks, 'What is going to happen to these under-fed children, in whose bodies the germ of tuberculosis is latent, when they reach the twenties, at which time

it becomes active?" To combat these conditions the American Relief Administration of which Herbert Hoover is chairman fed last winter in the city of Vienna some 800,000 of the destitute and undernourished children, supplying them with a substantial meal of American food, served in a number of large kitchens opened for that purpose.

The conditions in Vienna are more or less typical of those in Poland and other countries of Central and Eastern Europe. Last year the Relief Administration was able to reach some 3,500,-000 under-nourished children and this winter the program calls for the feeding of a like number, but eight of the great charitable organizations of America have united under the name of the European Relief Council, of which Mr. Hoover is the chairman. The child feeding task will be carried on not only by the American Relief Administration but by the American Red Cross, the American Friends' Service Committee (Quakers), the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, the Knights of Columbus, the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. An apeat for \$33,000,000 has been made and the organizations named have joined in raising the sum.

LAUGHTER OF CHILD SCARCE IN POLAND

"In all the time I was in Poland, I scurcely once saw a child laugh," declared Dr Harry Plotz, discoverer of the typhus baccilus, in a report to the European Relief Council on medtent conditions among the Jewish population of Poland, based on his recent luvestigations there for the Jewish Jaipt Distribution Committee.

"The most deplorable sight of all the miseries in Poland is the condition of the children," Dr. Piotz said. "Infant mertality is exceedingly high cause of under-nourishment and the high percentage of contagious diseases. in large part methers must resort to artificial feeding as they are unable to nurse their children. In many cities saw underfed children, suffering with diseases, wandering about the streets with no place to go, begging for bread."

Tuberculosis has become prevalent swong the Jewish children, largely due to the overcrowded conditions in which they are forced to live, their lack of nourishing food and warm clothing, according to Dr. Plots. Typhus, which killed thousands of Jews last winter in the worst epidemic Poland has ever seen will recur again, he said, as conditions are much worse among the Jews than ever before.

"Favus, a contagious skin disease. is now rapidly spreading from child to child," he continued. "In Vilus there are 11,000 cases among the Jewish children slone, Smallpox, too, is prevalent hroughout Poland and the Ukraine and children, with widespread eruptions and temperature, have been seen running about the streets. There are thousands of cases every year, which vaccination would

prevent, but there is no vaccine." Dr. Plots told how in Lithuanian villages he found children, six and seven years old, unable to walk or talk, the result of malputrition. In regions where whole towns had been destroyed during the war, he found families crowded in miserable dug-

The Greatest Gift.

Your Christmas gift to the Euro pean child relief collection may help in saving a child's life and is earneatly solicited. Bend checks to the local committee of the joint organizations or direct to European Relief Council, 42 Breadway, New

TOP OF SNOWDON IS SOLD

Ground on Britain's Loftiest Mountain Has Recently Been Purchased by Farmer.

Freak purchases are heard of from time to time, but it is not often that the sale of a mountain is announced. For this reason alone the transfer of the summit of Snowdon, including several hundreds of acres of the slope which is grazing ground, and the ground on which is built the Summit hotel, by Lieut.-Col. Worsley-Taylor, to a farmer, is of more than ordinary interest, remarks the Christian Science Monitor.

Mount Snowden-in Carnaryon-is the most famous peak in the southern part of Britain; is well known to all holiday makers, and is of a bold and rugged outline and forms, with its subsidiary peaks, an impressive range. The ascent presents no special features of difficulty if one of the five well defined pathways is used, but should the climber be bent on "pioneering," and leave the beaten track, he should be prepared for anything in the way of mountaineering problems.

The view from summit of Snowdon on a fine day makes the climb worth while, for spread below is Anglesey, the Menal straits, and a great curve of ocean from the far-off extremity of Cardigan bay to Rhyl. In the foreground are to be seen the well defined peaks of the sister mountains. Altogether the climb is a most exhibarating form of exercise, and although the boast of having gained the top does not carry much weight, there is a certain satisfaction in having reached one's objective. Gladstone, twentyeight years ago, after having performed the climb, addressed a political meeting of 3,000 people on the summit of Snowdon.

UNIQUE IN ANIMAL WORLD

Elephant Has Survived Because He Has Been Able to Adapt Himself to Conditions.

These is nothing else like the elephant. He has come down to us through the ages, surviving the conditions which killed off his earlier contemporaries, and he now adapts himself perfectly to more different conditions than any other animal in Africa, Carl Akeley of the American Museum of Natural History writes in the World's Work.

He can ent anything that is green or even has been green, just so long as there is enough of it. He can get his water from the aloe plants on the arid plains or dig a well in the sand of a dry river with his trunk and fore feet, and drink there, or he is equally at home living half in the swamps of better watered regions. He is at home on the low, hot plains of the seacoast at the equator or on the cool slopes of Kenia and Elgon. So far as I know he suffers from no contagious diseases and has no enemies except man. There are elephants on Kenia that have never lain down for a hundred years. Some of the plains elephants do rest lying down, but no one ever saw a Kenia elephant lying down or any evidence that they do lie down at rest. The elephant is a good traveler. On good ground a good horse can outrun him, but on bad ground the horse would have no chance and there are few animals that can cover more ground in a day than an elephant. And in spite of his appearance he can turn with surprising agility and move through the forest as quietly as a rabbit.

Results of Hybrid Mating.

Here is a strange set of faces, proven by three different investigators in three different parts of the world at three different times.

In matings of so-called "pure" races, that is to say, Englishman with English woman, Frenchman with French woman, German with German woman, etc., 104.54 more males are born than

In hybrid matings, that is to say, of different nationalities, there is a more significant excess of male over female

In matings of United States whites the ratio is about the same as that of European hybrids.

In matings of United States colored folks there is a significant excess of females over the ratio of British West Indian colored who are relatively pure bred.

Slept Thirty-Two Years.

Surely a subject for the speculative psychologist is the record sleep indulged in by Caroline Ohlson, a Swedish girl. In 1875, when only a child of fourteen years, she fell into a long trance in the island of Okuko, in the Baltic, and remained unconscious for 82 years. Food was administered to her, although she seemed quite unconcerned. Nor did she respond to any inquiry during that long time. Then suddenly she awoke, no longer a girl, but a middle-aged woman, and the most careful examination could not reveal the slightest weakness or mental effect. After coming out of her long trance Caroline enjoyed very good health.

Earth Not a Perfect Sphere. The diameter of the earth from pole to pole through the equator is short er than that at the equator. Though in popular language the earth is said to be round, like a ball, it is really an irregular sphere, slightly flattened at the poles. The slight departure from rotundity is accounted for by the rapid motion of the earth while in a more plastic state.

Cut Superstitious Railroad Man Who Shot It Down Was Certainly Scared for a Time.

"The shooting," says a Texas man, "occurred some years ago on the Panhandle branch of the Santa Fe, and the hero of the tale was a superstitious engineer who believed in 'warnings'

"One night he was rolling along at a good speed, when he saw a clear, white light, like a will-o'-the-wisp, dancing over the track a few hundred feet in front. He shut off steam and came to a stop as quickly as he could. The conductor and train crew came running up to the engine to see what was the matter.

"There is some one swinging a lantern across the track,' said the englneer, and the crew went ahead to investigate.

"'We can't find anyone,' reported the rear brakeman, and the engineer pulled out again, but he went slowly, and in a few minutes stopped again. The crew went ahead once more to see what was the cause of the light. The conductor, who was a good shot, drew his revolver, and at his second shot there was a crash, a scream, and the light went out, and something white came fluttering down from the

"The engineer was scared. 'You've shot an angel, sure,' he said to the conductor, with a face as pale as

"Investigation brought out the facthat a small boy, with a lantern tied to the tail of a kite, was the cause of the trouble; but for a long time it teased the engineer to be asked about 'shooting angels.'"

HIGH PLACE FOR LEWIS CASS

Was Instrumental in Setting Up Amer ican Form of Government in Western Territories

"Those who pushed the frontier westward were themselves the products of frontier conditions," says William B. Shaw in the American Review of Reviews. "Such a feader was Lewis Cass, a native of New Hampshire, who went out as a youth to the settlements that were soon to be organized into the state of Ohio, took part in lawmaking there, served as a volunteer officer in the war of 1812, was appointed governor of Michigan territory, and for many years was engaged in the difficult task of setting up an American form of government in regions that had barely emerged from the wilderness stage.

"That Lewis Cass was in after years a United States senator from Michigan, a member of cabinets, a diplomat and an unsuccessful aspirant for the presidency may have partially blinded us to the really important services that he rendered in the pioneer period of Michigan's history. Neither he nor any of the men of his day could have on the states created out of the old Northwest territory caused by the attempt to absorb vast populations of northern European blood into the citizenship

"Lewis Cass lived to see great armies recruited among those newly made Americans to fight for the Union and the principles of nationality which he had himself defended throughout his career."

First Payment of Rent.

It would be hard to find exact records of the first rent paid. It is said that when the Germans conquered parts of Gaul, the land was parceled out to chiefs, lieutemants and private soldiers. In return the holders of the lands promised military service when needed. Some of the land was given to favorites, who were allowed to pay in money instead of service, and the system was established. Rent was certainly known in the days that Rome tiourished, there being Latin names for rent under long leasehold tenure; rent of a farm, ground rent, rent of state lands and the annual rent payable for the right to the perpetual enjoyment of anything built on the surface of the land.

Ancient Bible.

A Bible belonging to Elizabeth Haddon, a Quakeress, printed in 1566, has been discovered in the East. The Haddon Bible is sixteen years older than Reims Testament sometimes spoken of as "the oldest Bible." The Haddon Bible is an authentic "Great" Bible. It is also a "Treacle" Bible. Coverdale, the translator, rendering "The Prophecye of Jeremye." gave the reading "I am hevy and abafhed; is there no triacle at Gylyad." This in the King James modern version reads "balm in Gilead."

The Haddon Bible is indeed "Great." It weighs 18 pounds, and its dimensions are: Thickness, 4% inches; width, 10% inches, length, 16% inches. -Detroit News.

Few Do Much Walking.

Statistics of mankind's ambulatious, including young children and old persons, and taking into consideration the fact that nowadays there are the inclination and the facilities to ride more and walk less than our forefathers did, show that a fair estimate of the average distance walked during the 24 hours by the men, women and children of continental United States seems to be four miles. The postman and the policeman and the messenger boy walk far more miles than four, so does the farmer, though the use of the tractor has taken some shenk's mare.

THIS "ANGEL" WAS A KITE | ANCIENT RACES PLAYED BALL

Tossing the Sphere is Supposed to Have Had Deep Symbolic Meaning Centuries Ago.

Although it is a proven fact that the game now designated baseball is of modern and purely American origin, the use of a ball in ceremonies and games goes back many cepturies.

Four thousand years ago, in the twelfth Egyptian dynasty, a Coptle artist sculptured on the temple Bent Hassan, human figures throwing and catching balls. A leather-covered ball used in games played on the Nile over 40 centuries ago, has a place among the many archeological specimens in the British museum. It has a sewed cover and is in a remarkable state of preservation.

The game of ball was prized by the Greeks as giving grace and elasticity to the human figure, and they erected a statue to one Aristonicus for his proficiency in it. Ancient medical practitioners were wont to prescribe a course of ball playing, where the modern doctor would order a diet of

It is supposed that ball tossing had a deep symbolic meaning when played in the spring of the year; and that the tossing of the ball was intended first to typify the upspringing of the life of nature after the gloom of winter. And, whether this was the case among the people of antiquity or not, it is a remarkable fact that the ecclesiastics of the early church adopted this symbol and gave it a very special significance by meeting on Easter day and throwing a ball from band to hand, to typify the Resurrection.

"TOTEM POLES" TELL STORY

Are Historical Records, and Not, as Many Supposed, Idols to Be Worshiped.

An art in sculpture not resembling any other art in the world, unless possibly that of ancient Mexico, is found highly developed among the aboriginal natives of the northwest coast.

Their material is always wood, and is furnished by huge trees from the forest, which are carved into the most fantastic shapes. In this style are sculptured the so-called "totem poles," which, often of great size and height, astonish the observer by the intricacy of their workmanship and the weird imaginativeness of their complex designs.

Early missionaries in that part of the world mistook the totem poles for idols. As a matter of fact, they possess no such significance, being merely heraldie columns. Each tribal clan has its own traditions and myths, which takes the place of history, and these are symbolized by the extraordinary birds and other animals, sometimes human faces or figures, carved on the totem poles.

Thus the Bear clan will have its foreseen the strain that was to be put | heraldic column topped by the sculptured figure of a bear. The raven shows up conspicuously as the totem. or crest, of the Raven clan; the whale for the Whale clan, and so on.

To the unversed a totem pole would have no significance beyond its queerness, but it is in reality a whole story carved in wood.

Power of Poise.

Polse is power. The man who is not master of himself under all conditions cannot feel the assurance, the power, which is the right of every human being to experience. He is never sure of himself, and the man who is never sure of himself is never wholly at ease. He is not even well-bred, for good breeding implies self-control under all circumstances.

There is, perhaps, no other thing which is so conducive to one's physical and mental comfort, efficiency, happiness and success as a calm mind. When the mind is unbalanced, by anger, excitement, worry, fear or nervousness, the entire body is thrown out of harmony. All the functions are deranged; the man or woman is not normal, and is, therefore, whatever the situation, at a complete disadvantage, wholly unable to contend with it.-Orison Swett Murden in the New Success Magazine.

Elevator Rope in Coal Mines.

One of the most impressive things about a colliery, to an outsider, is the mammoth drum which winds the rope which brings coal up from the pit. This monster drum may measure 130 feet in circumference, and weigh about 200 tons, and it will wind in the rope with its load at a speed of nearly 60 miles an hour. There are miles of the rope, when the Ilt is a deep one, like the Yorkshire Main colliery's, whese vertical shaft holds the record for depth by going down nearly 1,000 yards, and for long distances horizontally. The rope costs \$10 a yard and its maximum life is three and one-half years. Every inch of it passes each day through a man's hands for examination. Shaft accidents are very rare.

Strange Leaves.

For welld leases London would be hard to beat in some instances, says a correspondent. He dealt with houses lately which were for sale and found that the ground landlord was the duchy of Cornwall, the leaseholder paying an annual ground rent of fourpence! And this fourpence was sent every year in an envelope which cost twopence, and it cost the duchy twopence to acknowledge receipt! "But there is a stranger lease in the north of London," he said; "some houses there are leased until the death of the duke of Connaught. of the burden of agricultural work off. There is no other date attached to the document"

AND CUPID FLED, SHRIEKING

Truly, as Many Have Averred, Romance Today Has Fallen From Its Once High Estate.

They were young and it was evening, and the moon was shining. And they were young.

He was facing her, silhouetted against the silvery light of the moon, Every line of his stalwart, manly figure stood plainly outlined before her. He looked into her lovely dark eyes. Their liquid depths fascinated him, enthralled him.

He leaned forward. "Darling, I love you!" he breathed passionately into her tiny ear.

She gazed at him passively. "You are beautiful, wonderful, lovely!" he cried, as the moonlight illuminated her classic features.

Her glance rested upon him as he stood out clearly in the pale light. "Will you marry me, be my wife?" ie asked, with bated breath and eyes shining. Hidden fires glowed in their burning depths.

And still her gaze was upon him. He leaned forward a little farther, waiting for her answer, eagerly, fear-

"Will you marry me, precious one?" he asked again, his burning glance upon her scarlet lips.

She opened her mouth to speak. Pearly teeth gleamed in the silvery

"Ah! You are going to say 'yes." he muttered, passionately, taking hold of her tiny, lily-like hands. "You are going to say something."

He leaned closer, his head outlined clearly against the pale moonlight. "I was going to say, why don't you wear a rubber band around your head,

to train your ears not to stick out?" (The end of a perfect evening.)-Detroit Free Press.

GREAT ACTRESS KISSED POET

Sarah Bernhardt Made Her Meeting With Longfellow an Event to Be Remembered.

When Sarah Bernhardt came to America in the seventles sculpture was her "side line." As soon as she arrived in Boston she expressed a desire to do the bust of Longfellow, says the Christian Science Monitor. Longfellow, however, though not insensible of the honor, declined. He said that he was about to leave for Portland, Me., and feared that Mme. Bernhardt would have departed before his return. Then, to mitigate the curtness of his refusal, he asked the tragedienne to his home, inviting William Dean Howells and Oliver Wendell Holmes to meet her.

They became very amiable toward one another, and Longfellow, who spoke excellent French, praised Mme. Bernhardt's performance of "Phedre," telling her she surpassed the great Rachel, whom he had seen 50 years earlier. The actress, not to be outdone told the noet how much she enjoyed reading "Hiawatha," which she pronounced Hee-a-vatere,

Evidently the affair of the sculptured bust did not rankle, for on her departure, as the poet and his other guests were escorting her to her carriage, she turned about suddenly, impulsively threw her arms about Longfellow's neck and, kissed him on the cheek, said: "Vous etes adorable."

Kidnap Chinese From Legation,

Kang-Shih-to, formerly treasurer of the Anfu club, who since the recent downfall of that alleged pro-Japanese organization has been in hiding in the Russian legation and for whose arrest a reward of \$10,000 was offered by the Ohinese government, has just been the victim of a coup on the part of Chinese servants employed in the legation, according to a dispatch from Peking, China. They entered Kang's bedroom in the early hours of the morning, bound him, wrapped him in bed quilt and hoisted him over the legation wall. Accomplices delivered him into the hands of the squad of gendarmes which had been waiting for weeks for an opportunity to capture him and other refugees supposed to have hidden in foreign legations.

Woman's Latest Venture.

An engineering factory, organized, controlled, and managed by women, who also execute the orders at the lathe and in the foundry-that is the latest enterprise of the "weaker sex." It is one which deserves every suc-

At the head of the firm, called Atalanta, Ltd., is Lady Parsons, the wife of the famous engineer and inventor of the steam turbine. The factory was started in the Midlands by 20 women ex-war workers. Good orders have already been secured, and Lady Parsons is convinced that these pioneer women engineers will be successful.

"There is nothing," she says, "that woman cannot do when she tries." -London Times.

How Lightning Kills.

Numbers of cases of death by lightning have failed to reveal any direct effect of the passage of an electric current through the human body. The evidence indicates that death was caused entirely by shock. The result is psychological rather than physical, the shock inducing heart fallure or other organic disturbances.

to a mother although the child in her Paid Sometimes strokes have been fatal arms was unharmed. Persons under the influence of a drug or infoxicated seem to escape. This seems to indicate that the psychological element is an important consideration.—Popular Subscription.....

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Best of service. Homer Motor Co. St. Mark's Church, New York.

The site of St. Mark's church is the oldest church site in New York and has been consecrated to religious service for 260 years. Peter Stuyvesant, the Dutch governor of New Netherlands, erected the first little private chapel in 1660. He and his wife, Judith, were buried underneath the chapel. In her will she left the church to the Dutch Reformed Church of New York, providing that the tomb be preserved. The building was allowed to fall into decay until 1793, when Petrus Stuyvesant, a great-grandson, proposed to the vestry of Trinity church that an Episcopal church be erected on the site, the cornerstone of which was laid in 1795 and the church completed May 9, 1799. The steeple was added in 1829 and the porch a few years later. Since 1859 no material changes in the present appearance of the church have been made, and the church proper is identically the same as it was one hundred years ago. Peter Stuyvesant and his wife are buried in the vault beneath the porch of the church.

The Right Way to Read.

The only way to read with any efficiency is to read so heartily that dinner time comes two hours before you expected it. To sit with your Livy before you and hear the geese cackling that save the capital, and to see with your own eyes the Carthaginian sutlers gathering up the rings of the Roman knights after the battle of Cannae and heaping them into bushels; and to be so intimately present at the actions you are reading of that when anyone knocks at the door it will take you two or three seconds to determine whether you are in your own study or in the plains of Lombardy looking at Hannibal's weatherbeaten face-that is the only kind of study that is not tiresome, almost the only kind that is not useless .- Sydney

Amber as Medicine.

The medicinal uses of amber have recently been discussed, and it is somewhat curious to find the belief in the curative virtue of amber necklaces, in cases of cold in the head. still seriously held in China. One correspondent reports such a cure in a case that had refused to yield to any other treatment, and attributes it to the action of amber so worn on the mucuous membrane. Another goes only so far as to suggest that since amber had apparently a curative value as used internally by the old physicians, its use in necklaces had a rational basis "according to the views once in vogue," which is reasonable

LEGAL NOTICES

First Pub. Marc's 10, 1921-4w. ROAD NOTICE.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The commissioner appointed to lacate a road commencing at the southeast corner of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section 13, township 29, north, range 6 east of the 6th Principal Meridian in Dakota county, Nebraska, and running south on the section line to the southeast corner of the northeast quarter of section 24, township 29 north, range 6 east of the 6th Principal Meridian, all in Dakota county. Nebraska, and there terminating, has reported in favor of the establishment thereof, and all objections thereto or claims for damages must be filed in the County Clerk's office on or before noon of the 23rd day of May, A. D., 1921, or such road will be established without reference thereto. GEO. J. BOUCHER,

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The commissioner appointed to locate a road commencing at a point at the northeast corner of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section 4, township 27, range least of the 6th Frincipal Meridian in Dakota county, Nebraska, running thence west on the north line of section 4, 1320 feet to the half section cline of section 33, township 28, range 7, thence north on said line 2238 feet, thence in a northeasterly direction 300 feet, thence in a northwesterly direction 300 feet, thence almost north 1150 feet, thence northwest 236 feet, thence in a northerly direction to the public road on the north line of section 33, intersecting said road about the middle of northwest quarter of northeast quarter of said section and there terminating, has reported in favor of the establishment thereof, and all objections thereto or claims for damages must be filed in the County Clerk's office on or before moon of the 23rd day of May, A. D., 1921, or such road will be stablished without reference thereto. GEO. J. BOUCHER, County Clerk.

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